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**CHAPTER 283**

## **SENATE BILL 1541**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-2231, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
VETERINARIANS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2231, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-2231. Acts constituting the practice of veterinary medicine;  
5 exceptions; definitions

6 A. A person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine,  
7 surgery and dentistry within the meaning of this chapter who, within this  
8 state:

9 1. By advertisement, or by any notice, sign or other indication, or by  
10 a statement written, printed or oral, in public or in private, made, done or  
11 procured by himself or any other at his request claims, announces, makes  
12 known or pretends his ability or willingness to diagnose any animal  
13 condition, disease, deformity, defect, wound or injury or to perform any type  
14 of surgical procedure on animals.

15 2. Advertises or makes known or claims his ability and willingness to  
16 perform the following for hire, fee, compensation or reward that is directly  
17 or indirectly promised, offered, expected, received or accepted:

18 (a) Prescribe or administer any drug, medicine, treatment, method or  
19 practice for any animal.

20 (b) Perform any operation or manipulation on or apply any apparatus or  
21 appliance to any animal.

22 (c) Give any instruction or demonstration for the cure, amelioration,  
23 correction or reduction or modification of any animal condition, disease,  
24 deformity, defect, wound or injury.

25 3. Diagnoses or prognosticates any animal condition, disease,  
26 deformity, defect, wound or injury for hire, fee, reward or compensation that  
27 is directly or indirectly promised, offered, expected, received or accepted.

28 4. Prescribes or administers any drug, medicine, treatment, method or  
29 practice, performs any operation or manipulation, or applies any apparatus or  
30 appliance for the cure, amelioration, correction or modification of any  
31 animal condition, disease, deformity, defect, wound or injury for hire, fee,  
32 compensation or reward that is directly or indirectly promised, offered,  
33 expected, received or accepted.

34 B. This section does not apply to:

35 1. Duly authorized representatives of the United States department of  
36 agriculture in the discharge of any duty authorized by the director in charge  
37 of the animal disease eradication division.

38 2. A certified veterinary technician performing a task or function  
39 authorized by the rules of the board in the employ of and under the  
40 direction, supervision and control of a licensed veterinarian.

41 3. AN EQUINE DENTAL PRACTITIONER IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

42 (a) THE EQUINE DENTAL PRACTITIONER IS CERTIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL  
43 ASSOCIATION OF EQUINE DENTISTRY OR THE ACADEMY OF EQUINE DENTISTRY.

44 (b) THE EQUINE DENTAL PRACTITIONER PERFORMS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING  
45 PROCEDURES UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN:

1 (i) THE APPLICATION OF ANY APPARATUS USED TO WORK ON THE ORAL CAVITY.  
2 (ii) THE EXAMINATION OF DENTAL CONDITIONS.  
3 (iii) THE REMOVAL OF OVERGROWTH FROM THE TEETH OF HORSES AND THE  
4 REMOVAL OF SHARP ENAMEL POINTS FROM THE TEETH OF HORSES, EXCLUDING ANY  
5 EXTRACTIONS UNLESS THE CERTIFIED EQUINE DENTAL PRACTITIONER IS UNDER THE  
6 DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN.  
7 (iv) ANY TREATMENT OF THE ORAL CAVITY AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ANIMAL'S  
8 OWNER, EXCLUDING ANY EXTRACTIONS UNLESS THE CERTIFIED EQUINE DENTAL  
9 PRACTITIONER IS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN.  
10 (c) THE EQUINE DENTAL PRACTITIONER PROVIDES BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING TO  
11 THE BOARD:  
12 (i) PROOF OF CURRENT CERTIFICATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
13 OF EQUINE DENTISTRY OR THE ACADEMY OF EQUINE DENTISTRY.  
14 (ii) A WRITTEN STATEMENT SIGNED BY THE SUPERVISING LICENSED  
15 VETERINARIAN THAT THE CERTIFIED EQUINE DENTAL PRACTITIONER WILL BE UNDER THE  
16 GENERAL OR DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE LICENSED VETERINARIAN WHEN PERFORMING  
17 THE PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED BY THIS PARAGRAPH.  
18 (d) BOTH THE SUPERVISING LICENSED VETERINARIAN AND THE CERTIFIED  
19 EQUINE DENTAL PRACTITIONER MAINTAIN DENTAL CHARTS FOR PROCEDURES DONE  
20 PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH.  
21 C. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 3, ONLY A LICENSED  
22 VETERINARIAN AND NOT AN EQUINE DENTAL PRACTITIONER MAY PRESCRIBE OR  
23 ADMINISTER, OR BOTH PRESCRIBE AND ADMINISTER, ANY DRUG OR MEDICINE.  
24 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:  
25 1. "DIRECT SUPERVISION" MEANS A LICENSED VETERINARIAN MUST AUTHORIZE  
26 AND BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT FOR THE PROCEDURE.  
27 2. "GENERAL SUPERVISION" MEANS A LICENSED VETERINARIAN MUST BE  
28 AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER FORM OF IMMEDIATE  
29 COMMUNICATION.

**APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 16, 2006.**

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